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1. IN MEETING AT EXECUTIVE MANSION AT 1700 HOURS TODAY WITH
GOL COUNTERPARTS, RAISED QUESTION OF ALL MEETINGS BEING HELD AT
ROBERTSFIELD. IN SUM, THERE IS NO MAJOR PROBLEM WITH
THIS WITH EXCEPTION OF CAVEAT THAT GOL REQUESTS WORKING
LUNCHEON BE HELD IN BENTOL, APPROXIMATELY 35 MINUTES DRIVE
FROM ROBERTSFIELD. I BELIEVE THIS
WOULD BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

2. REVIEWING SCHEDULE PROPOSED IN REF C., I ENVISAGE
SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

0950 HOURS ARRIVE ROBERTSFIELD. SMALL GOL WELCOMING
DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY COUNTERPARTS WILL MEET.

1000 HOURS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CARTER.

1030 HOURS EMBASSY COUNTERPARTS MEET.

1100 INITIAL MEETING WITH KEY LIBERIAN OFFICIALS.
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PRE-ADVANCE GROUP, EMBASSY REPS AND GOL COUNTERPARTS
MEET TO EVALUATE ROBERTSFIELD SITUATION.

1145 DEPART ROBERTSFIELD FOR BENTOL CITY. PREADVANCE
GROUP, EMBASSY REPS AND KEY LIBERIAN OFFICIALS ENROUTE BENTOL
PASS FIRESTONE HOSPITAL, LATEX PROCESSING PLANT AND VOA TRANSMITTER
SITE.

1230 RELAXATION BEFORE LUNCH.

1300 VISIT POSSIBLE SITES IN BENTOL.

1330 WORKING LUNCH WITH KEY LIBERIAN OFFICIALS
WHO WILL BE PREPARED MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON
PRESIDENT CARTER'S SCHEDULE.

1530 DEPART BENTOL.

1605 WRAP-UP MEETING ROBERTSFIELD WITH LIBERIAN OFFICIALS.
ALL INTERESTS REPRESENTED.

1700 WHEELS UP. GOL DELEGATIONS, EMBASSY REPS WILL
SEE OFF.

3. SCENARIOS NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN TANDEM WITH GOL.
COMBINED EMBASSY AND GOL COUNTERPART GROUP RENDEZ-VOUSING
ROBERTSFIELD 0900 HOURS WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH. ALREADY HAVE
IN HAND DIAGRAM AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR USE OF PRE-ADVANCE
TEAM. ASSUME THIS MATERIAL CAN BE PASSED TO ADVANCE TEAM
ON ARRIVAL. IS THERE INTEREST IN HAVING JOINTLY-CONSIDERED
SCENARIOS TELEGRAPHED TO PRE-ADVANCE TEAM PRIOR
DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON?

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4. GOL MAKING DETERMINATION NOW AS TO HOW VISA SITUATION
WILL BE HANDLED. IN ANY EVENT, ADVANCE VISAS WILL NOT BE
REQUIRED FOR PRE-ADVANCE OR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY (INCLUDING
PRESS) WHO ARE ONLY SPENDING DAY IN LIBERIA.

5. WILL ADVISE SEPTEL RE INOCULATIONS.

6. GOL WORKING GROUP REPS TODAY INCLUDED MOST REPRESENTATIVE
GROUP OF "MOVERS" I HAVE SEEN IN ONE ROOM IN THIS COUNTRY IN
SOME TIME. IN ADDITION TO GOL CHAIRMAN TOWNSEND, OTHERS
ATTENDING SESSION TODAY WERE MINISTER OF FINANCE PHILLIPS,
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION DENNIS, MINISTER
OF DEFENSE HOLDER, NSC DIRECTOR CLARKE, MINISTER OF INFORMATION
PEAL, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JARRETT, GSA DIRECTOR CLARK,
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS TUCKER, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DE SHIELD.

7. COMMENT: GOL IS HOSTING SUMMIT MEETING OF FIVE NEIGHBORING
HEADS OF STATE NEXT WEEK, MARCH 16-17, BUT THEY ARE CLEARLY
READY TO PROVIDE ALL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFUL VISIT
ON 3 APRIL.
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